GIGANTIC NESTS.

WONDERFUL MOUNDS BUILT BY THE MALLEE BIRD OF AUSTRALIA.

They Are as Big as a City Block and Are Occupied by Vast Numbers of Feathered Families-The Young Scramble Out of Their Shells as Best They May.

The mallee hen of Australia lays its eggs in a huge nest. The nest is really an artificial mound of gigantic proportions for the size of its maker, and the purpose it is to serve. The artificial mound is a co-operation incubator. It is built by many pairs of birds, male and female working alike to construct it. These same pairs or flocks of birds annually repair and enlarge the queer looking cone which rises up like a turret dome from the level prairie.

Sometimes these tunnels attain a

height of fully fifteen in the perpendicular, with a radius of equal measurement. Many of these nests have



A NEST AS BIG AS A CITY LOT.

measured as much as 50 yards, or 150 feet around their base. That would give the largest one measured a diam-eter of about fifty feet. These mound nests are entered through a sort of funnel cavity at the top of the cone.

The hens of all the building and repairing pairs lay in this immense nest. The eggs are deposited about six feet below the surface. While each hen lays her egg in the family mound, no hen drops her egg closer than twenty inches of that of her neighbor. These eggs are deposited in a cavity made for it wherein it is placed in a vertical position, carefully covered, and the surface as carefull smoothed over by the hen before she quits the nest. Contrary to the usual practice of the bird and fowl species. these mallee hens lay at night instead

of in the day. Several days clapse also between the dropping of two eggs. The eggs of the mallee hen are out of all proportion to her size. They are as large as those of a goose, and of

large hens, are very much larger.
The eggs thus laid and covered in
this great sand oven in the hot districts are never again disturbed by the The eggs are hatched by the heat the sun bakes into the soil where they lay. It has never been known how the young chicks are excavated from their egg grave, for the eggs are deposited fully six inches below the surface, and the hardening rains do

not aid their exit very much.

The ben is so very shy and vigilant that no one is able to study her maternal and domestic habits with satis-faction. As she lays her egg at night, and transacts most of her affairs in the night watch so that no naturalist or curious individual can ferret her out, possible she steals to her expected brood under cover of night also, and gives them the parental uncarthing which they must surely need after the pipping of the eggshell.

Bush naturalists have been curious Bush naturalists have been curious to know how this peculiar fowl builds its nest. The birds have been seen working at it, and the mounds have been inspected, but the piling of the dirt is not from the immediate vicinity, for that is undisturbed. Small springs and the like enter into the plastic masonry which stands storage. plastic masonry, which stands storms and heavy rains, when they do fail

without serious injury.

These huge cones stand for years, to be annually nested in by the same flock which originally constructed the family incubator. When detected the hens emit a pitiful little cackle, and flutter away like a wounded innocent. The young of a covey either root under the sand or hide behind some mound or object of a friendly color.

Victoria's Oldest Subject.

In a little cabin at Owen Sound, Can-ada, lives Queen Victoria's oldest sub-ject. He is "Daddy" Hall, and he ject. He is "Daddy" Hall, and he claims 114 years. He is a half-breed negro and Indian. He was a scout in the war of 1812. He is remarkable is the man to whom nature vouchsafed a new set of teeth and a new growth of hair at the age of ninety-five, when his first supply left him. He has been married four times, and is the father of nineteen children.

Bold Burglare.

Burglars recently robbed the general store of John D. Davis, near the Ohio line, at Jamestown, Penn., of about \$200 worth of goods. The thieves ther retreated to the United Presbyteria Church, where they built a fire the Psalm Books for fuel, and then

In Weston, W. Va., there is the youngest page in the world. Robert Chidister, and he is five years old. He has been appointed page to the Circuit Court

Royal Eyes. Cleopatra had large, deep-blue eyes Frederick the Great had large blu eyes with the luster of polished steel.

The Emperor Nero was excessively near-sighted and used a small gem in

shape of a lens to see at a dis-

Mary Stuart was not exactly cross eyed but one eye moved more than the other and gave the Queen that appear-

Elizabeth of England had clear, liquid blue eyes and always glanced "Henry!" and its fame was secured, sideways at the person with whom she was conversing.

A Demonstration in Nervous Pathology That Cost \$8.50,

Old Hardy Graddles, who had limned around in the Teton Basin for years on a muscle-tied foot, at last wearied of the wobbly exertion, went down to Sait Lake to have the defective mem-ber treated. He came back after an absence of a month, and his neighb gathered about him to hear the stran tales which he would have to tell experience in a great city. ed the Temple and the Tabernacle and who usually moons up and down in the Dooley Building, and quite en front of the Hotel Inglaterra, in Ha-

reely the best—thing I see was a fel-apparent when, during the dinner ler in the hospital. He in-trusted me tour, it was seen that the guadarmes a lot, an' I heard all about him. He were only able by the most heroic exhald appassia," apeaking the last word eritions to save the hotel from being with a proad deliberation. Redee looks carried by storm by a mob, whose obwith a proud deliberation, Redee looks carried by storm by a mob, whose ob-ed at Watts, and Watts glared intently lect, however, was no obviously of a at Red Pete Ruble. The last mentions pacific character as to quite disarm the

Hardy looked at him pityingly.

be you did give me some, p'raps—my mind is like a blank sheet o' paper. I am a poor victim of a pe-cu-llar disorder, as you might say. Good-day."

He was a man of six feet, four inch-

es, and, although along in years, he had been the hardest and best lighter in the Basin, even in his crippled time. They looked at him gloomily, time. They looked at him gloomily, therefore, as he walked away, and no man dared say him nay. Only Red Pete Ruble expressed the gener timent when he made certain feeling and terrid remarks which imparted to the world at large the fact that he was utterly disgusted with science in all its



Harry Dountown (to country sweetheart) -Miss Milkyweigh, do you play and sing
"When the Cows Are in the Corn?"
Miss Milkyweigh-Lord bless you, no. get the dogs and chase 'em out

A Political Tele

Should it be your one ambition to write a humorous verse, pick out some ancient subject and express in may reject it, if the me-

ter's out of joint; but if you fashion it like this. he'll surely point.

A Lapse. Employment Agent-"See here! How ast place. How did that happen?"

Domestic—"Sure, Oi duano. Oi must

tv overshiept meself."—Now York Weekly.

Escaped by a Hair's Brendth.

Dulby (would-be novellet)—"I've just but a now novel. If you have a moment to spare I'll show you the proofs." Willy—"Oh, never mind about the proofs. I'll take your word Escaped by a Hair's Breadth or it."-Chicago Record.

Miss Ellen Terry's parrot, Mr. Pigott, is known familiarly as Neil, Miss Terry had acquired it for the sake of its green hue, its manye head, scarlet beak and pink breast, and it had just arrived, but its accomplishments were an absolutely anknown quantity, Henry Irving called, and Miss said, "This is a marvellons bird; talks beautifully!" and placed it on Sir Hens finger. Quoth the bird instantly one of them.

OLD GRADDLES HAD APHASIA THE IDOL OF HAVANA

THIS BULL FIGHTER A GREATER MAN THAN OLD BLANCO.

A Speciacle to Cause One Who is Not a Devotee of the National Sport of Spain to Rub His Eyes-When the Great Mazzantine Dines.

Four privates of the Orden Publica of Corps, armed with sword and revolver, telnforced the solitive little policenian chanted them. vana, Cuba, a few rights ago, writes a "What was the fixest thing you see?" war correspondent, and the American finally asked Si Redee, in recapitulation. was brewing among the vonneces.
"Well, men," said Hardy, "the best The wisdom of this precaution became
"restricted best things! see was a fel-apparent when, during the dinner. lect, however, was so obviously of a pacific character as to quite disarm the apprehensions of even the most nervous of the guests.

By the time the British Consul, who is investible the feet persons to give evidence of great mental ability. His most striking characteristic is his devotion to his at Red Pete Rume.
ed broke the spell.
"What's that? A for'n country, sin't ous of the guests.

Theory of it afore in a feg. By the time the British Consul, who

But they did not know. They were

"New you know,"
But they did not know. They were

"Seemin I needed it is a toric in a jogignormalisty the first man at the table, but taken his seat, all the wide doors and windows of the restaurant opening on the street were choked with an exited throug, in which soldiers, sailors. even worse confounded than before.

"Like a Russian thistle, mebbe," said
Pete, dablously, still elioging to the
geographical theory.

"No such. A man fergits how to
talk or somethin."

"Thee's data. In the structure of the str

"No such. A man fergits how the restaurant, and it was noticeable that the attitude of the crowd was not that written and the deciared Pete with Bardy looked at him pityingly."

It can't be did," deciared Pete with the restaurant and it was noticeable that the attitude of the crowd was not that the attitude of the crowd was not

"Now," he said, taking possession of the money, "you all know that you give me this money, don't you?" They did and said so. whence they enjoyed an unobstructed view, but these were speedly discovered and said so.

"Well," rolling his eyes and assuming a rigid attitude, "Tve fergot it. Fergot all about it. That's aphasia."

"Humph!" grunted Ruble. "Seems a fool of a thing, don't it? Gimme my \$2.40."

Hardy gazed at him in a stony, vacant way.

"Give me my \$2.40." Ruble repeated

Cant way.

"Give me my \$2.40," Ruble repeated with some show of steraness.

"I—I—seems like I heard somethin about a sum o' money some'res," Hardy responded, in a hositating way.

"There's a doltar and a half comin' to me," Redee uttered fiercely.

"Gents," said Hardy, sorrowfully, "I can't remember it. I'm sorry. I don't know what you're talkin' about. I've

"The cause of all this commetion was care to dential campat and the show of his heard, and a queer little wisp of hat sprouting from the back of his heard, and flattened down in a black coil that stood out in startling relief against the shiny white expanse of a bald pate. At his table sat a ring of show they are can't remember it. I'm sorry. I don't should pate. At his table sat a ring of show they are can't remember it. I'm sorry. I don't without that a second and a third ring.

Mary Ande got that there aphasta."

They gathered around him, clamoring for their funds. They now began to understand. But they could not convince him.

When he smiled, which he occasionally condescended to do, they all smiled, but has just come home from Europe, has brought with her a series of inter-"I'm sorry, as I say, gents," Hardy said, meekly. "But its scientifick. It ain't my fault. On the subject of any money you might 'n' give me—an' mebbe you did give me a mean mebbe you did give me a mean mebbe you did give means mean captains, bedizened with flaming orders and medals, and showing, every man of them, that the occasion was one of the products moments of his life. It was perfectly apparent that in the eyes of all the big man with a function of the years of all the big man with a function of the product of the product of the product of the years of all the big man with a function of the years of all the big man with a function of the years of all the big man with a function of the years of all the big man with a function of the years of

all this adulation with the air of the most deliciously affable condescension. Occasionally he even deligned to be to the stow a word on the proprietor of the the camera's benefit.

One officer, evidently an old ac- Mary Anderson ever was. quaintance, was honored above his brothers, for, as he entered the room, the hero saw him, and spring-log up and striding dramaticupon, on his attention having need ralled to the fact by half a dozen ad-mirers, he wet his fingers and carefully plastered it upon his pate before re-

disguised contempt for my ignorance, and then, with a smile of pity, whis-pored, behind his hand in awestruck accents, "Mazzantini, the bull fight-accents, "Mazzantini, the bull fight-

'A great man?" I asked.

into society. One evening he was invited to "sit in" a little poker game. He was well acquainted with the game as played at home, and did not hesitate to play. His limited acquaintance with English money cost him several good pots. At last he got four aces and knew exactly where he was, for four ices have their value the world over His opponent "skinned" his hand care-fully after cards had been "doled" and said: "Ah'll just bet yo' a pound, Mis-tah Johnsing." "Well," said the Amercan, "Ah don't rightly know much a pound is, but Ah'll just raise

To clean Shetland shawls dip in a er of boiled soap, slipping gently through the hands. Plunge into clear water and pin on a sheet to dry.

Ungallant Delaware

The Supreme Court of Delaware has decided that women cannot become law student, nor practice in that State.

Bleaching the Hair.

It is an unsettled question whether pleaching the hair leads to softening of the brain or softening of the brain leads to bleaching the hair. The state of the s

TWO ROYAL CHILDREN.

Prince Carol and Princess Elizabeth Con solers of Roumania's Queen.

Among Queen Victoria's numerous great-grandchildren are Prince Carol and Princess Elizabeth of in, whose mother, the wife of an Prince, was Princess Marie, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Coburg. At the time of the Jubilee the dangerous illness of the Crown Prince prevented Prince Carol and his sister from going to England. Instead, they were intrusted to the care of the Queen of Roumania

Since the Queen of Roumania, better known to the world as "Carmen Sylva," lost her only child she was always unhappy until the son and daughter of her husband's heir came to console her in her surrow. Her Majesty is never so happy as when the Prince Carol and Princess Elizabeth are in her exclusive charge, and under the influence of the little companions, her attacks of deer

tiny sister. The Princess Elizabeth re-sembles her mother, who was the sembles her mother, who was the handsomest of the four Coburg sisters. She is named for her grandmoth-

When the royal children were last in England on a visit, they lived at Os-borne Cottage, on the Isle of Wight, with their listle cousins of Hesse. The Plustration shows them in the national costume.

Women's Brass Band.

A musical organization which is meeting with great success in the State "Dog it all, I say it kin; I seen it.

Here—I'll show you. Who's got a \$10

Among them they got together \$8.40, and Hardy said that he could illustrate to some extent, perhaps, with that some of the more enterprising enterpris of Oregon, is the Ladies' Brass Band of ton. The band was organized a year ago. It was to be a self-supporting or-ganization entirely. As soon as or-ganization was perfected ways and means were canvassed by which funds could be raised for uniforms and in-struments. It was decided to give a struments. It was decided to give a concert, which proved a grand success financially, at which the band made its first appearance in public. The audience mildly enthused over their playing—it was so much better than was expected. The ladies' band was a great success. Then when the Presidential campaign opened they were at once in demand. The Ladles' Brass Band became the fashion, and no cau-didate ever thought of making a speech in their neighborhood without first having secured their services as an at-traction. Their popularity led them into church socials, pienics, &c., until now they are famous throughout the

> Mary Anderson Refore the Camera Miss Frances Benjamin Johnston, who has just come home from Europe,

esting pictures. She spent several months in out-of-the-way parts of Eng-land, and visited the village of Broadway, where Mrs. Mary Anderson-Na-varro's home is. Mrs. Navarro is an ny little wisp of hair was a per-ionage of infinitely greater importance than the Captain General. On his part the great man accepted camera, though she had not be wardrobe were dragged from their attic corner, and Juliet, Perdita, Rosalind and Galatea lived again for The wonderful hotel, who stood humaly behind his chair to receive and present with his beautiful mother's arms, and Miss own hands the various dishes brought Johnston declares that Mrs. Navarro Navarro baby was photographed in his is really much more beautiful than

A Quoen's Circus Riding. the hero saw him, and springlog up and striding dramatically forward, clasped bim in his
arrange his little wisp of hair, whereupon, on his attention having been
railed to the fact by hair a sayen as
place at Brussels a semi-sulting.

A Queen's Greas Riding.

Queen Henrichte of Beiglum, by birth
an Austrian Archduchess, continues, in
spite of her snow-white hair and rank
say argandmether, to occupy her time
with circus riding. A year rgo she
gave in the riding school of the royal
palace at Brussels, a semi-sultip respalace at Brussels, a semi-public performance, in which she and her of market, in which is fingers and carefully dollastered it upon his pate before resuming his seat.

Marvelling who the man could be who commanded the obeisance of the highest officers in the Spanish army, through burning hoops and over flamwho commanded the obelsance of the sidnals. They leaped their horses highest officers in the Spanish army, through burning hoops and over flaming themselves, and her majesty jumped a er. The fellow gave me a look of un-

"The greatest in the world!"

An immer of young unmarried women from the best families of Cape May, N. J., have banded themselves together in an organization which private car porter. He was such a network and with room for more considered. The Backelor Maids Club." Its object is mutual project. gro, young and with many fine manserisms and some money, who decided
to take a trip to Europe. In London
the made the acquaintance of several
English-bred negroes. By these he
was shown the sights and introduced heated debate, is that no member can accept an offer of marriage without the unanimous consent of the society. A social tea will be given the mem bers once a month. Young men erally regarded as good catches entertained at these functions.

Hair brushes should never be left with the bristles up. They are nd-mirable dust collectors. Furthermore, in these days of fretty and inexpensive toilet utensils, there are few wo men who have not brushes with more or less ornamental backs.

Crude Oil to Kindle Elses

The Paltimore and Ohio Southwes-ern Railway Company for some time has been experimenting with crude oil for kindling fires in locomotives in place of using cordwood, and the re-sults obtained have been so satisfactory that it will bereafter be used on the . During the month of No-, 1897, at the company's shops, are located at Washington, Ind., and Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,226 fires started with crude oil at a cost of \$17.32, or 1.41 cents per fire. To have started or 1.41 cents per fire. To have started the same number of fires with wood would have cost \$306, or 24.96 per fire. This represents a saving of \$288.62.

A KITCHEN ON RAIL.

THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A NOVEL EXPERIMENT.

The Deminion Has Constructed a Commis sary on Wheels Capable of Providing Rations for More Than a Thousand Soldiers in Case of War.

The Canadian government has just had built, in accordance with designs furnished by the military authorities, a car that will play an important part in any future warfare in which Canadian soldiers take part. The car is a gigantic kitchen, capable of furnishing meals, on a pinch, to as many as 1,500 soldiers without overtaxing its capacity. The immense extent of territory which it would be necessary to protect in case of a general war has been for some time a source of uncasiness to the Caracha Carac some time a source of uneasiness to the Canadian government. It has been evident that the sparsely settled country, so different from the thickly ulated states on this side of the bor-der, would be a very weak basis for a line of battle. While the United States would have rich foraging should supplies run short, the British would find only barren hills and empty wastes in a large part of the region over which they would be spread to guard the frontier. To provide against this emergency it was decided to build a car that would be a gigantic kitchen on wheels, and to make a careful test of its capacity for feeding troops with a view to ascertaining how many of such cars would be required in time of war to feed the entire military force

of the dominion.

The car is now finished and experiments will begin at once. A train is to be dispatched over the Canadian Pacific railway from one side of the con-tinent to the other. On this train there will be a body of soldiers which will depend for subsistence entirely upon the rolling kitchen that accompanies them. Meals will be served ac-cording to a carefully prepared schedule, and the officer in command will take notes of the incidents of the trip, in order that the government may have the fullest possible data to guide them in their calculations to determine the in their calculation value of the idea.

The car from which "Tommy Atkins" will draw his sustenance in fu-ture fights—and on excursions and field days in time of peace as well—is known as commissary car, No. 1899. 15 is an unusually large one, being longer than the ordinary baggage car, from which it differs in construction by hav-ing a vestibule at each end. The supply room is entered from the front. Here all is in readiness for the com-ing experiment; there is room in the car for supplies capable of sustaining 1,000 men for a period of ten days.

From the store room entrance is obtained to the kitchen, which is the most interesting feature of Down one side runs the range, which is in reality two ranges, with a total length of twenty-two feet. Everything is up to date in construction and planned on a large scale. It would be beyond the strength of one man to lift the immense copper kettles in which will be stewed the beef that "Tommy" supposed to revel in, and they are to be raised by means of derricks and chains fitted above the stoves. With these appliances the kettles can be manipulated with the greatest ease, and swur to the tables, ready for the distribution

water tank, capable or notating gallons of water, and directly above gallons of water, and directly above gaines of water, and directly above the stove is another tank. In the rear of the car are sinks, with hot and cold water, and the various appliances necessary in preparing meals on large scale. Yet only five men are required to operate this plant. The cooks been carefully selected, and no stone has been left unturned to make the experiment a success.

The car is set upon double trucks of six wheels each, and is constructed with a view to securing the smoothest of running. It would not seem to be an easy matter for the cooks to handle huge cauldrons filled with scalding huge calidrons filed with scalding soup while the train is running at full speed, but with a proper use of the appliances provided it is thought that mishap will occur. The greatest diffi-culty, however, will be experienced at such times. When stops are made— and several have been arranged to test the value of the car kitchen as of camp supply—the cooks will have

Across China on Bicycle

The three English bicyclists who left London in July, 1896, for a ride across Europe and Asia have just arrived in Shanghai, having traversed 14,322 miles. They say the roads are very poor in the Celestial Empire, and that they were obliged to carry their that they were obliged to carry their wheels hundreds of miles on their backs. Armed with voluminous pass-ports and red visiting cards several inches long, with their names in Chinese characters, they went from town to town, interviewing mandarins and missionaries, and living on pork and rice. They penetrated China from upper Burmah. Throughout the jour-ney an officer rode on ahead, giving or Throughout the jour-worst the cyclisis had to contend against was the desire of the Celestials to show what they could do in the way of cycling.

Umbrella Handles.

To have a small purse attached to the umbrella handle, instead of a tas-sel, is the Winter girl's newest wrin-It has been decided to build the new

capitol of Pennsylvania of white mar-ble, to be quarried in the State.

Russia the Home of Platings Platinum is worth not quite half as much as gold, weight for weight, and

the product of that metal comes almost entirely from Russia, where it is foun in the southern Ural Mountains. resent the increasing demand for platinum has caused a sharp advance in the price of the metal and sponding increase in its production,

Postagę Stamps. The various countries of the world how use 13,400 different kinds of poslage stamps. lage stamps. LUCKY LARRY LONNIGAN.

A Fairy Shtory for the Childher. Sure, childher, 'tis a larng toime since I tould yez a fairy shtory. An' it's wondherin' I am if I iver tould yez about Lucky Larry Lonnigan. Be me sowl thin, an' he was th' caution to cats. Egobs, sorra bit of bad luck 'u'd set upon him at arl at arl. He lived in that paart of Oireland that yez

can't find on the map. Whin he was a young lad about six-teen the fursht of his good luck fell up-on him, an' the way of it was this way: Egorry, an' a villent, crass woman was his mother, always boxin' his ears for no thing at arl, an' so wan day whio Larry med the innercint observashin that divvie a bit more wood would be cut up, th' ould woman raiched out her cogly roight hand an' gev' him a

"An' is it a cuff ye gev me?" says he, rubbin' his ear, an' wid that he leps out of the doo-r an' starts fer town. Now some byes would ha' cried at resavin' the cuff, but Larry was not the cryin' kind, but bein' of a shrewd timperamintality he noticed that the cuff had a hardsome button in it, an' he thought he'd take it an' sell it to the jewelery man that I tould yez about one toime. An' egobs! the jew-elery man gev him two shillin's for it. Well, Larry felt that rich that he wint to the fair at Lantrim, in the county

"Tis the fine booths they do be havin at that fair, an' Larry soon spint the whole of his money until he had but a happenny. An' wid that he bought a beautiful peach.

An' thin he tharght what a big omadhaun he was to be spindin' arl his money upon the belly of him. For It was cakes an' pies an' sweets was inside of him till ye could not rist.
Well, he wint on atin' mechanical loike
an' wid his moind annywhere but in
his head till he kem to the pit. 'Twas the fursht paich he'd iver aten, an' the prt surprised him. But he'd haird till of the fortunes made in pits an' wid-out so much as sayin, "Here's an' alsy dear, to you," he wint down in the pit widout a light. 'Tis as brave as a

sparrer, he was.
Egobs! childher, 'tis lucky he was. he found that at the bottom of the pit was a mine of soft coal; coal that soft it would plaise yez to bump ag'inst it, an' he kem up to the mouth of the pit, an' seein' an English capitalist handy, he sold him the roight to mine in it for noine hundhred an' noinety noine yairs for a hundhred thousan

CHARLES BATTELL LOOMIS. Tale of Two Citizens.

CHAPTER I.

"Hoskins, lend me a dollar, will you? I want to buy some postage stamps. I came away from home carelessly this morning, with only 25 cents in my pocket, and that went for lunch at

"Sorry, Lusk, but I've got only snough money to pay my carfare home."

CHAPTER II

A few hours later. They met again—accidentally. At the box office of a theater where a sparring match was on the bill of fare

tor the evening.
"It seems to me, Hoskins," stiffly remarked Lusk, as he threw down a silver dollar and picked up the bit of pasteboard the ticket-seller gave him in exchange for it, "that this is no place for a man who has only enough money to pay his car fare home."

Having exchanged the dollar he held

in his hand for a similar pasteboard, Hoskins turned to his friend.

"Lusk," he said, in a tone of mingled sadness and reproach, "if you paid out all the money you had for lunch, and souldn't even buy a postage stamp, what the St. Louis are you doing serge?"

What She Needed

She was looking over a fashion paper when he entered.

"Trying to make up your mind what you ought to have?" he asked. "No." she replied; "I know what I jught to have."

"What?"

"Money."
It is always unsafe for a man to jest with his wife upon any subject sected with raiment and such things. de knows that now,

The Old Man Knew Him

An old Georgia negro, hearing that An old Georgia negro, nearing that its former master had decided to enlist in the Cuban army, said to him:
"Marse Tom, doan you do no sich oo! thing ez dat—doan you do it?"
"Why shouldn't !?"
"Kase, Marse Tom—" and here the

ild man lowered his volac—"you'se got touch er de rheumatism, en you can't un ez fast now ez you run en-durin' er le war!"

A Jaundleed View.

"I don't see why it should be deemed disgrace," the youthful bachelor re-narked in the course of the conversaion, "for a woman to ask a man to parry her.'

"It isn't a disgrace," replied the el-rly maiden. "Idiocy is a misfor-

Patience Rewarded.

His first love's age was just twentyfive, When at twenty in marriage he sought her; le failed; but again at forty did strive.

And this time he married her daugh-Left by the Wayside. "Is Miss Passay single from choice?"
"Yes; all the men she knows have

hosen other girls."

A Haitian General having lost an eye in battle sent to Paris for an artificial one. The maker sent in return one of his best. Shortly after the General returned it, with the remark that the eye was too yellow, and recalled to his mind the Spanish flag, adding at the same time that he would wear only an eye having the colors of his own The maker thereupon made ountry one with red and green predominating. (these being the Haltian colors). This so pleased the General that instead o wearing the eye as originally intended, he added it to his collection of medals.

USEFUL TO SHOPPERS

FRENCH NAMES TOO GENERALLY USED IN DRY GOODS STORES.

Explanation of a Number of the Terms Ap-

plied to Commonly Used Articles-Few People Who Know That These Names Ever Had Any Meaning.

Many of our fabrics and dress goods have French names—and we use them without much idea that they originally had any meaning.

Armure is a material woven so that

Armure is a material woven so that the cloth has the effect of being woven with small seeds on the thread. Barre refers to a fabric crossed by bars of a contrasting color. Bayadere comes from the dancing girls of the East, whose garments are made of stuffs crossed from selvage to selvage with stripes and when worn

selvage with stripes, and when these stripes appear to run around the body.

Beige-Composed of yarn in which

Boucle—A fabric having a marked curl or loop in the yarn, which is thrown to the surface. Boucle is French for curl.

Bourcette—This puts a lump instead

Bourcette—This puts a lump instead of a curl on the surface. The word comes from Boure—to stuff.
Carreau—the same as checks, carreaux meaning squares.
Chene—A printed effect.
Crepon—A crepe or crinkled effect.
Damasse—A figured fabric showing a contrast in lustre between the groundwork and the figure. We have the same idea carried out in damask linen. linen.
Drap d'ete—An all wool fabric with

a twilled face and broadcloth back; woven as a twill and finished as a broadcloth, with the gloss showing on the back of the fabric.

Drap de Paris—A twilled armure. In the weaving the seed-like effects are given a twill effect, as in a serge.

Etamine-Openwork effect Frise-A fabric in which the pile stands up from the surface in uncut loops. Friser is to curl, or, as we say,

to frizz.
Gioria is a silk and wool material,
Jacquard — A weave called after
its inventor, in which every warp
thread can be made to move independently of any other, intricate figures be-ing thus produced. All such complex figured fabrics are classed under the

road name of Jacquards.

Matelasse—A fabric whose face is broken into rectangular figures and puffed up so as to resemble quilting. Matelasse may best be translated as Melange (literally, mixed)-A fabric

produced from yarn that has been either printed in the wool or dyed of different colors and mixed together b fore being spun. Satin Berber-A satin faced w bric with a wool back. The effect is one of finish rather than of weave:

Satin Solell-A satin-faced armure fabric woven with a ribbed effect. Sicilian—A plain weave fabric com-posed of a cotton warp and mohair fili-ing, with the filling threads less twisted and broader on the surface than in a

and broader on the surface than in a regular mohair.

Twill—A raised cord running in a diagonal direction in the fabric from left to right. Any fabric with this weave may be called a twill. The number of twills to the inch in cashmere and other standard fabrics is often used to indicate their quality.

Vigoureux—An effect produced by printing the vars of which the fabric is compaced, and sing it without any

is compared and using it without any

regard to other or cesign.

Zibeline—N weed material used in imitation of achie far. It has on the face long hairs that give it a fur-like appearance, and may be produced in several ways, but all give the same dis tinguishing feature. A "camel's hair

Ex-Oueen Lil's Grief.

It is reported that the grief of the de-posed Queen of Hawaii, Liliuekalani, is very deep for the loss of her royal robe



THE ROYAL ROBE.

a gorgeous garment make from the feathers of an extremely rare bird. The robe is very valuable as it took many years to colvery valuable as it took many years to col-lect the feathers. The Dole government confiscated the garment when it went into power.

Veterinary Surgery Not for Women. Women may not be veterinary sur-geons in London. The Royal College Veterinary Surgeons has refused to dmit a lady to examination, asserting that all its charters and its rules were drawn out on the assumption that men alone would seek qualifica-tion, and that, therefore, it would unduly strain the statutes to admit wo-It is said that the lady thus repulsed intends to appeal to

M. Blanc, the new Prefect of Police of Paris, has issued an order forbidding women to wear high hats in the

Paris Forbids Hig Hats.

Every man who works in a drug store is finally known as "Doc."

A Notable Violin. If the best violin is that made from

the oldest and best seasoned wood, Franklin Richardson, of Canton, Me., must have a marvel. It is made from the oldest and best seasoned must have a marvel. It is made from a panel of the cabin door of the Constia panel of the cabin door of the Consti-tution, taken out when the old ship was repaired at Portsmouth Navy-Yard, thirty-five years ago. The pan-el was given by one of the carpenters to Mr. Richardson about thirty years ago. It is a beautiful bird's-eye maple, and the instrument is of remarkably clear tone and has great carrying power. The violin is worth several hundred dollars.